

TRIPLAX AENEA SCHALL. (COL.: EROTYLIDAE) IN BUCKS. — Among some beetles recently sent me for checking by Mr. B. Verdcourt was an example of the above species, which he had taken on a birch in Kings Wood, near Heath and Reach, Beds. (31.vii.87). The beetle, however, came from the north-west corner of the wood (comp.4), which is just across the border in Bucks. — a county from which there may well be no previous record of *T. aenea*.

This species has comparatively lately been noted from certain districts south and west of London where in earlier time it was unknown (cf. J. A. Owen, 1981, *Ent. mon. Mag.* 117: 96). Although Prof. Owen there refers to it as being "widely distributed in Britain and often locally common", it seems always to have been, up to the last two decades or so, very rare in the south-eastern sector as far as records go; and likewise in all the southern seaboard counties except Hampshire, the New Forest being a long-known locality. Its apparent spread to, or in, some southern areas is paralleled by that of *Rhizophagus nitidulus* F., which would appear to have begun about the same time. — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, London SE7.

A 1962 CAPTURE OF DONACIA THALASSINA GERM. (COL.: CHRYSOMELIDAE) IN WILTS. — I have in my collection a specimen of this species labelled "Canal bank/Devizes, Wilts./14.vi.62", taken by the late L. H. Woollatt. Thought not a new record for the county, it may be worth publication because the previous one — given in the *Handlist of the Coleoptera of the Marlborough District* (Marlborough College Nat Hist. Report no. 87, 1939: 24) — is without data and may go back as far as the previous century or, at the latest, to the beginning of this one; and because *D. thalassina*, whilst always uncommon, is thought to have become quite rare from about the mid-century. — A. A. ALLEN, 49, Montcalm Road, London SE7.

RECORDS OF MACROLEPIDOPTERA FROM CO. MAYO, IRELAND — I have been unable to find reference to the presence of the following two species in that county: (a) *Lithacodia fasciana* L. Five specimens were attracted to my m.v. light at Pontoon on June 29th 1987. This is particularly interesting as I believe it has hitherto been seen in counties Cork and Kerry only; also in mainland Britain it is of southern distribution, Co. Mayo being further north than this. (b) *Pterapherapteryx sexalata* Retz. One worn specimen was taken at m.v. light at Pontoon, June 29th 1987. E. Baynes (*A Revised Catalogue of Irish Macrolepidoptera*, 1964) states that this moth is scarce and of sporadic distribution in Ireland. B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent.